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Good Health To You!

The vast economic progress that has taken place in this country in late years been accompanied by comparable and perhaps even more spectacular progress in another vitally important field—the public health.

A Newsweek article sums is up in this fashion: "Thousands of American citizens who would hardly have had a prayer of surviving a mere ten years ago are alive and well today.

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Local Business

An old argument against the chain stores was that they siphoned vast sums of money out of local communities, to the benefit of financiers operating from the sky scrapers of New York and Chicago and other metropolitan business centers.

That argument never did hold water, but some people may still believe it. If so, a few facts concerning the operations of one chain system in one county should be of interest.

The county, located in a Deep South state, is largely agricultural. The chain has stores in two towns—one with less than 6,000 population, the other with less than 3,000. In a single year, this chain paid to or spent with county business firms and individuals the sum of $714,-030.49. The money went for wages, supplies, produce, rents and all the other things needed in store operations.

The point is that chains—like other retailers—are good citizens. There are few exceptions nowadays to this rule. Their welfare—like that of any kind of store—depends upon the local welfare and prosperity.The better off the community is, the better the chains' business.

The "siphoning off of money" idea, incidentally, seemed to be based on the supposition that the chains make huge profits. Actually, in the food chain business, profits amount to about one cent out of each dollar of sales. In other lines it runs around three cents. And much of the profit is customarily ploughed back into the business, for betterments of all kinds.

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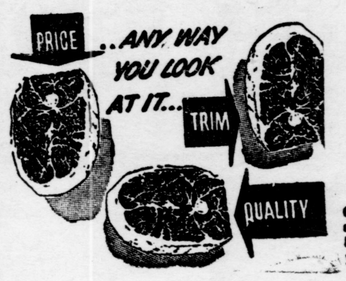

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